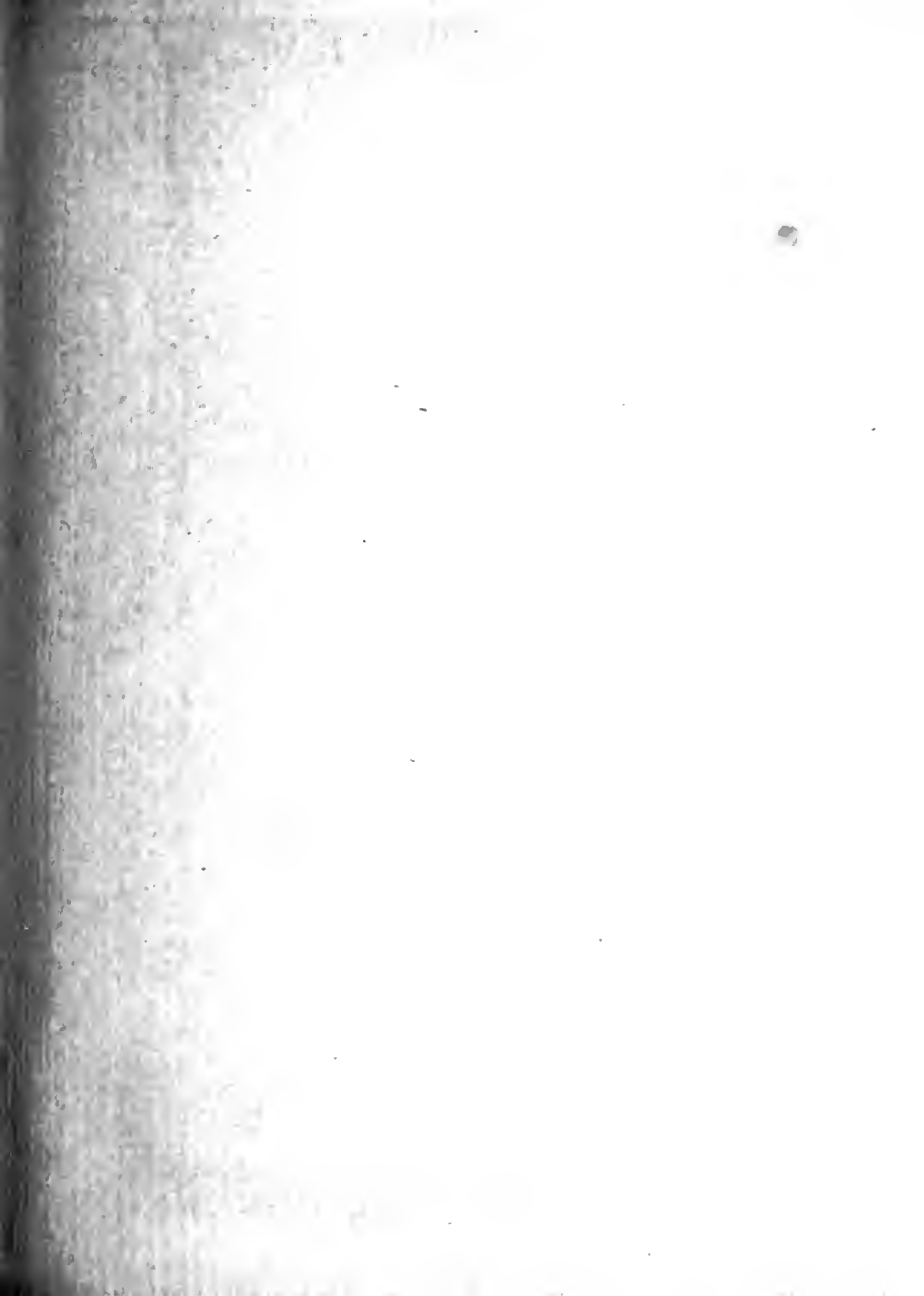


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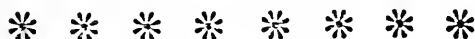


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## INTRODUCTION.

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 IN 1904 the Public Record Office issued a list of the Admiralty records, omitting "Ships' Books," such as Muster and Pay Books, and similar records relating to dockyards, also the deeds of the Greenwich Hospital Estates.

The muniments known as Naval Records date from about the year 1700, but the Bill Books exist from 1642, whilst earlier records are amongst the Domestic State Papers, and some papers of a late date are in the Treasury and Home Office Papers.

The Public Record Office List gives a rough title to each record, adding the period it covers and its catalogue number, but it has been found that this list is not a sufficient guide to the genealogist as regards the contents of these archives, and it is felt that a

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volume, showing the genealogical value of each series of books and papers, would be welcomed.

This small work is intended primarily to be used side by side with the Record Office List, but, when the object of the searcher is to find the parentage of any given man, the index can be consulted and search made under such headings as "Baptisms," "Parentage," "Lieutenant" (or other rank). If the most likely sources fail, a general search must be made in all the classes of records shown in this book as being of genealogical value, but to do this the searcher must be prepared to spend a considerable amount of time.

It being the usual reason of a search to obtain the parentage of a man, a few instructions how to proceed will not be out of place. In the case of an Officer, this can best be obtained from the "Lieutenants' Passing Certificates" ("115"), for, commencing in 1789, they



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have baptismal certificates filed with them. If this does not yield the desired information, or our man flourished before that year, we must go the same way to work as in the case of an Able Seaman, which is to search the "Ships' Pay (or Muster) Books," but in this event the ship's name must be known, though when this is not in our possession, it can sometimes be obtained from "Services." The Pay and Muster Books do not give parentage, but place of birth, so from them recourse must be had to the Parish Registers.

"Services" is a very important series, because of the ship's name being stated in it. The principal return is dated 1817 ("59"), and includes all officers serving at the time, and so is retrospective in its value. The index should be carefully consulted under this heading. For ships of Warrant Officers use "274," of men "139" and "140." If information is desired about Commissions and

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Appointments, see the index under these headings, and search "273" and "61." Full and Half Pay Registers can be used for knowledge of date of being a Lieutenant, and, as they are indexed, should be searched early in our quest.

Many Admiralty papers give addresses, and may thus provide a hint as to the ancestral home of a sailor, or may point to the place of baptism of his children, and be of great help in identification. An entry in the Parish Register of PORTSMOUTH of, say, the baptism of a George, son of a Lieutenant George Newton, is of little use in establishing the birth of a son of Lieutenant George Newton, of OXFORD, unless we can prove that they were one and the same man, which is, however, frequently possible by means of "Addresses" (see Index). The names of Patrons are sometimes a guide to find relationships, or, at any rate, residence.

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Certificates of baptism of parents or next-of-kin are to be found from 1675 ("142"). If one is lucky enough to alight on one of these, three generations are obtained, and even a fourth when a seaman left children ("95"). It may be as well to state here that it was not an unknown practice to forge baptismal certificates, for, it is said, that men were to be found outside the dockyard gates who would supply certificates for a money payment, but it was probably only done in the case of seamen who desired to obtain an appointment, though they were not of the correct age. Of course, the validity of a certificate can, and should, be tested by the Parish Register.

The papers connected with questions of Bounty and Pension contain much valuable material for the pedigree maker, and the Index should be searched under "Bounty," "Pensions," and "Compassionate." When it is desired to trace the life of a seaman or

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officer, search must be made in the Admiralty Letters ; any and every subject occurs in these, and some certainly record facts that have been vainly looked for by the pedigree hunter elsewhere (" 1 ").

Some of the records contain matters of special interest to Americans, and it may be that copies exist in the Public Record Office here of records, the originals of which have been burnt or lost on the other side (" 91 ").

The student of Eugenics may be interested in " 113," " 207 " and " 211."

Pay and Muster Books commence in 1688 and are open to inspection to 1860 ; Logs in 1675 and are open to 1840 ; Correspondence, Minutes and Registers are open to 1830.

A few records contain the names of Bankers, who should be able to give the addresses of their former clients, as they may not destroy their ledgers.

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The publications of the Navy Record Society are of great biographical interest. I would especially draw attention to their fourth volume, which is an index to James' "Naval History," and should be well worth consulting.

I have copied out and indexed the Lieutenants' Baptismal Certificates for 1800, and in course of time hope to complete this series.

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The volume is divided into seven parts, nearly corresponding with the Series into which the Public Record Office has divided the Admiralty Records.

To facilitate reference each paragraph in this book is numbered, the numbers in the Index refer consequently to the Paragraphs, and, to prevent any confusion, the pages are purposely left unnumbered.

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PART I.

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“Secretary,”  
In and Out Letters.

# The Records

1—The In Letters of the Admiralty have been sorted into classes, the first being Admirals' dispatches, these are subdivided with the year of commencement as follows :—Africa, 1830; Baltic, 1711; Brazils, 1807; Cape of Good Hope, 1758; Channel Fleet, 1743; East Indies, 1744; Guernsey, 1794; Jamaica, 1713; Leeward Islands, 1745; Lisbon, 1808; Mediterranean, 1705; Navarino, 1826; Newfoundland, 1776; North America, 1745; Halifax, 1816; North Sea, 1715; Unemployed, 1693.

These dispatches contain reports to the Admiralty on every conceivable subject, and are of the greatest interest, as they consist of accounts of battles, movements of ships and squadrons, state and condition of His Majesty's ships, names of each Captain in the command, numbers of crew, petitions of petty officers for promotion and superannuations, stating services, age, &c.

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When at sea the Admiral appointed Captains, Lieutenants, Surgeons, Chaplains, Boatswains, Masters at Arms, Sailmakers, Gunners, Carpenters, Armourers, Pursers, and Master Cooks.

These dispatches can also be searched for leave to resign appointments and return to England.—*For Index, 1711—1793, see Series III., No. I.*

The subdivision of the Admirals' letters known as "Unemployed" can be used to find the officer's home address; with such a clue as this one can sometimes trace a pedigree back for many generations.

In this set have been noticed a few applications to my Lords for admissions of boys to the Academy at Portsmouth, with these will be found certificates of baptism and education, giving name of school and master. Sometimes unemployed Admirals forwarded petitions,

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on behalf of the men, for discharge after being pressed, on various grounds, such as being a freeman of a borough, to enter Greenwich Hospital, to quit the service for private concerns, and for transfer from ship to ship.

- 2—The second class is known as Letters from Admirals at Naval Stations, these have the sub-divisions—Chatham, 1812; Cork, 1793; Dublin, 1790; Downs, 1745; Leith, 1803; Nore and Sheerness, 1708; Plymouth, 1709; Portsmouth, 1709; Woolwich, 1804; Yarmouth, 1803.

The contents of these letters are of much the same nature as Admirals' dispatches, and should be searched for the biographical facts they yield.

- 3—Captains' letters are a separate set, they have been sorted into letters and years, each Captain's letters being together and a table of contents in every volume; they fill thirteen hundred and three volumes,

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commencing in the year 1698. The title gives some idea of the contents, but almost anything might be found in them. They are frequently consulted for—discharges from the service with reasons, transfer to other ships, leave of absence, addresses, &c. In Letters 2203. A general index exists—*see Secretary's Indexes, Series I., No. 8.*

The Secretary's In Letters can be consulted by means of the digests, which are subject indices, they commence in 1762, but are fuller after 1792. The subject matter is numbered in divisions and these are broken up into sub-divisions, each with a sub-number, so that the figures 52, 22, 21 stand for division 52, sub-numbers 22 and 21, the number 52 being understood in the case of 21 as if repeated. In the early digests many letters are not to be found, although the index gives digest number,

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the explanation being that the clerk did not enter them up.

The In Letters are also to be found by the indices which commence in 1793, before this date see paragraph 293. The references are much abbreviated, but the following table will help one to find Admirals' or others' letters thus—"A 48" in the index for 1800 should be read as Portsmouth letter number 48, year 1800, and by reference to the class list we find the bundle number is 1039. Pencil numbers in letters relate to the digest.

List of catch letters and words used in the indices and digests—

A.—Portsmouth.

B.—Plymouth.

C.—Nore and Sheerness.

Ca.—Chatham.

D.—North Sea Commander-in-Chief.

E.—Downs.

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- F.—North Sea Junior Commander.
- G.—Yarmouth.
- H.—Leith.
- Ha.—Baltic.
- I.—Channel.
- K.—Guernsey.
- L.—Cork.
- M.—Dublin.
- Ma.—Lisbon.
- N.—Mediterranean.
- O.—North America.
- P.—Jamaica.
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- Qa.—Brazils and Pacific to 1844.
- R.—Cape of Good Hope.
- S.—East Indies.
- T.—Newfoundland.
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- V.—Detached Squadron.
- W.—Woolwich and Thames.
- X.—Africa.
- Y.—Pacific, 1845 and later ; see Qa.
- Z.—Australia.

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C. M.—Court Martial.

Sick and wd.—Medical Department.

Cap.—Captain's Letters.

Lieut.—Lieutenant's Letters.

Min.—Minute Branch.

Pro.—Promiscuous.

N. B.—Navy Board.

Sec. State.—Secretary of State.

Pet.—Petition.

Tri. Ho.—Trinity House.

G. H.—Greenwich Hospital.

Pac. Ser.—Packet Service.

Vict. Off.—Victualling Officer.

Sol.—Solicitor.

R. M. Off.—Royal Marine Officer.

Ord.—Ordnance.

N. Off.—Navy Office.

Bri. Consls.—British Consuls.

The headings of the digests or subject indexes are :—

1—Royal Naval Academy at Portsmouth, containing abstracts of letters



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from friends, parents and grandparents, requesting admittance to the school, from parents requesting appointments to ship, sending baptism certificates and progress in learning.

2—Accidents, being letters about persons killed or wounded by accident.

3—Actions with the enemy.

4—Admiralty Courts.

5—Admiralty Office, should be searched for appointment, removal of clerks and others.

6—Bounty to seamen.

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14—Marines.

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17—Passengers of distinction and miscellaneous passengers.

18—Pensions: Widows and parents of officers.

19—Prisoners of war.

20—Smuggling.

21—Superannuation.

4—Lieutenants' letters should be consulted for the home address of the officer, appointments to ships, requests for confirmation of promotion by Admirals, leave of absence.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 2774.*

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- 5—Letters from officers of marines can be used to find appointments, returns of recruits, &c.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3246.*

- 6—Letters from officers at dockyards can be consulted for lists of commissions received from the Admiralty, with dates of delivery to the officer, or of non-delivery, and returns to the Admiralty; reports as to conduct, statements of defects in ships, names of those examined for Lieutenants, answers to letters as to seamen being alive or dead, petitions to my Lords.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3372.*

- 7—Letters relating to Admiralty departmental business from 1809 are of little use to those interested in pedigrees.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3458.*

- 8—The letters from the Royal Naval College begin in 1773, they are of the greatest genealogical and biographical value, as

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among them are reports of the improvements made by the scholars. The following being a specimen entry :—

Date of my Lord's warrant for admission, 2 January, 1799. When entered, 4 January, 1799. Name, Jno. Jas. Amyatt, age 13. Parentage, Rev. Jno. Amyatt, his father. Shaldon, near Teignmouth, Devon. What he has learnt before entry, Latin, writing and arithmetic as far as reductions. Mathematical old establishment. Has proceeded in his plan as far as Euclid's elements; French, very diligent; drawing, improved. Writing and arithmetic, much too volatile. Dancing, behaves tolerably. Fencing.

Reports of the Attendant, Shipwright, Gunner as to the progress of the students follow. Date and reason of discharge or expulsion. Remarks of the head master. Remarks of the governor on

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the boy's behaviour. Orders of expulsion are to be found in these letters.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3504.*

- 9—Letters from the Inspector-General contain details as to buildings, works, dock-yards, &c.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3525.*

- 10—Letters from the Medical Department are chiefly of value for the names of the Surgeons and Contractors for the care of patients at out stations.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3528.*

- 11—Letters from Hospitals contain reports as to state of health of patients.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3533.*

- 12—Navy Board to Admiralty Letters treat of men's service, promotion, superannuation, some giving parish of baptism, volunteer or pressed man.

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Example of a Navy Board letter—

Navy Office, 31st Dec., 1735.

In pursuance of the Right Honorable the Lords of the Admiralty order, on the petition of Nicholas Hockday, Gunner, of H.M.S. the Lenox, for superannuation, we have caused the book in this office to be examined, and find he hath served as Gunner of H. M. ships mentioned on the other side 35 y. 0 m. 1 w. 6 d., which is more than the time limited by the establishment for pensions to officers. He produced a certificate from the register of the Parish of Northam that he was baptized the 12th day of March, 1673, which makes him sixty-one years of age and upwards.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3650.*

12A—Letters from the Transport Branch are of no genealogical interest, 1704—1839.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3729.*

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- 13—Letters from Doctors' Commons contain lists of ships seized by H.M. ships and proceeded against in the Court of Admiralty, appointments of Admiralty Proctors and Marshalls, addresses of witnesses at trials, returns to warrants for the arrest of deserters, giving addresses of parents and other relations, details of escape of prisoners after arrest, names of securities for letters of marque, coroner's examinations, with residences.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3879.*

- 14—Letters from the East India Company can be consulted for the names of those excused from being pressed because of service in the East India Company, the ages, complexion and stature being stated.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3912.*

- 15—Letters from the Board of Green Cloth 1722, furnish details of royal voyages, &c.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3921.*

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- 16—Letters from Greenwich Hospital can be consulted for details about pensions from 1755.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3922.*

- 17—Intelligence Letters from 1697 are chiefly of historical value, as they give many political details.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3977.*

- 18—Letters from the Register Officer of Merchant Seamen are hardly worth consulting for genealogical purposes.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3993.*

- 19—Letters from the Ordnance Officer may be used for information about Ordnance Officers from 1703.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3999.*

- 20—Letters from Secretaries of State commence in 1689, and, being of a general political nature, are of little genealogical value.

*See Secretary's Indexes, Series III. 17.*

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 4179.*



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21—Letters from Societies, commencing 1718, relate to Surgeons, Apothecaries, prices of drugs, reports as to health and consequent retirement of seamen.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters.*

22—Treasury Board Letters from 1698 can be consulted as to conveyance of passengers, and many other subjects of a monetary nature.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 4292.*

23—Secret Letters are of general historical and biographical value.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 4353.*

24—Letters from the Navy Pay Officer to the Admiralty can be used for obtaining names of next of kin of deceased seamen, names of those asking for appointments, parents' names, schools, &c.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3657.*

25—Consuls' Letters relate to convoys, forwarding of letters from the Fleet, they contain a few letters recommending

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candidates for the service, some of these showing parentage, others are for pensions for widows. Passes for ships to proceed, some being bound to New England, Carolina, &c., the Captains' names are stated.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 3832.*

- 26—Letters from Trinity House commence 1808, they contain information about pilots, petitions from merchant seamen, with details of family.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 4314.*

- 27—Secretary at War's Letters, from 1689, contain requests for ships to take officers and men to West Indies, Guernsey, America, &c. Returns of Army deserters turned over to regiments in the Colonies.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 4321.*

- 28—Promiscuous letters touch on every conceivable subject, and should be consulted for genealogy. Amongst other in-

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formation, they give letters from parents, appointments, commissions, addresses.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters,*

- 29—Secretary's miscellaneous letters, reports, &c., from 1686, can be used for information as regards sailing of merchant ships to America, &c., deaths of officers on half-pay, names of widows, and other genealogical details, such as marriage certificates.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 5118.*

- 30—Petitions, from 1793. Amongst these are petitions for discharge from prison on condition of joining the Royal Navy, increase of pay of clerks, long list of inhabitants of Portsmouth, owners of ships.

*Adm. Sec. In Letters, 5125.*

- 31—Lords' Letters, from 1689, can be searched for lists of half-pay officers, appointments, and general naval affairs. Indexed.

*Sec. Out Letters, 212.*

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- 32—Orders and instructions, from 1665, contain the orders from the Admiralty to the officers on every subject of naval administration. Indexed.

*Sec. Out Letters*, 28.

- 33—Letters about ships, establishments and dockyards, from 1803. Indexed.

*Sec. Out Letters*, 304.

- 34—Secretary's Out Letters, from 1689, are indexed and well worth consulting by those engaged in pedigree research.

*Sec. Out Letters*, 377.

- 35—Secretary's Letters to public Officers and Admirals, from 1746, are chiefly of a biographical value.

*Sec. Out Letters*, 514.

- 36—Secretary's Common Letters, from 1746, are of a general nature, and are worth consulting for biographical purposes.

*Sec. Out Letters*, 689.

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- 37—Secretary's Letters to Captains and Lieutenants, from 1809, can be used for information about leave, addresses, seniority, appointments.

*Sec. Out Letters, 856.*

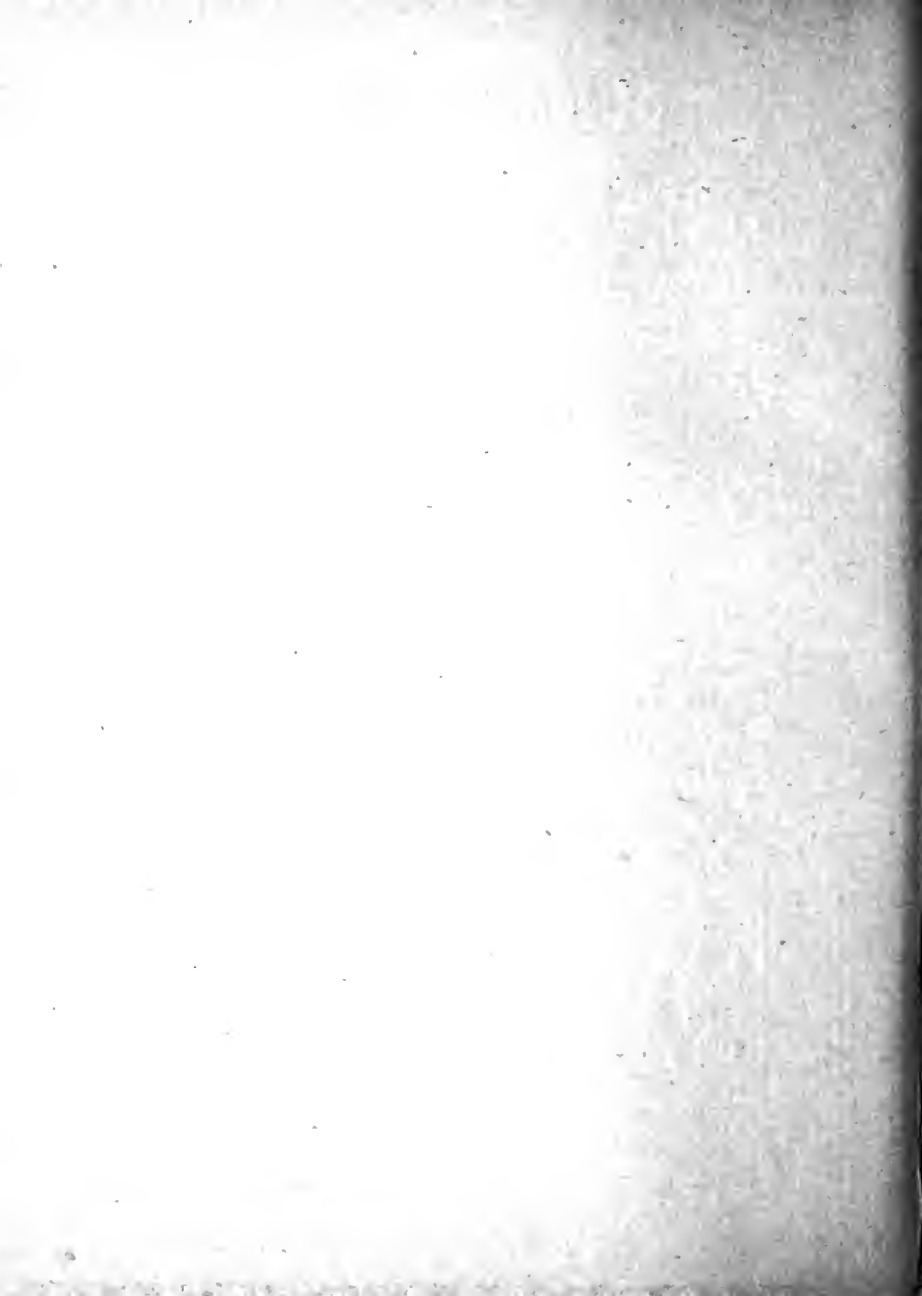
- 38—Appointment books, from 1816, contain appointments of commissioned and petty officers, answers to applications from commissioned and petty officers for appointments, giving addresses, non-confirmation of appointments of acting officers, letters directing officers to join ship, letters allowing leave of absence or resignation. Each book has an index.

*Sec. Out Letters, 1394.*

- 39—Letters from the Legal Branch do not help as a rule in genealogical matters, but details as to smugglers, which might be of interest in local history, can be got from them.

*Sec. Out Letters, 1456.*

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“ Secretary,”  
Miscellaneous.

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- 40—Certificates of baptisms, burials and marriages, 1815—1835. This single bundle of documents, that ought to have been filed with widows' pension papers, see 103, or Lieutenants' passing certificates, see 115, should be searched when the information is not forthcoming in the regular series.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 1.*

- 41—Register of Coast Guard Reports are of no genealogical value.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 7.*

- 42—Transactions of the Hon. D. Cochrane with the Victualling Board. This is a printed book, but as it is not indexed it is unlikely to repay a search.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 40.*

- 43—Letter books of Admirals, 1808—1825, can be used with advantage for biographical purposes.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 41.*



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- 44—Papers relating to the Commission Branch, 1790—1815, might in a few cases be of some biographical value, but need only be searched if other sources fail.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 38.*

- 45—Register of application for convoys, 1794—1814; from these can be obtained the names of traders to various ports.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 60.*

- 46—Register of application for licences to sail without convoy and of replies thereto, 1811—1812, give vessel's name, master's name, tonnage, whither and whence. Indexed under the name of ship.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 69.*

- 47—Register of passes, 1683—1843, give the names and places of abode of securities for returns of passes, destination of boat, &c. These might be of service to Americans in fixing dates of

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sailing of boats. Indexed under name of boat.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 78.*

48—Memorials and reports, 1695—1815, contain pension lists showing widows' names. These books are indexed and well worth consulting.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 339.*

49—Naval instructions, from 1746, give a general insight into the rules of the service.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 204.*

50—Board Room Journals, 1796—1829, contain a few biographical details. Indexed.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 229.*

51—Law Officers' Opinions, 1733—1830, are worth searching for biographical and, perhaps, genealogical facts.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 298.*

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- 52—Registers of letters of marque, 1777—1812, are of no genealogical value.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 318.*

- 53—Registers of applications sent to public offices, 1826—1840. This is an index to letters from relatives about men in the naval service.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 360.*

- 54—Account of men raised in the port of London, 1795, gives ages, place of birth, trade.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 361.*

- 55—Registers of protections from being pressed, 1702—1815, contain names of merchant seamen, fishermen, apprentices, &c.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 363.*

- 56—Apprentice protections, 1740—1815. From these can be gleaned the servant's name, age, master's name, residence, dates of indenture and protection. Foreigners, as well as subjects over 55

years of age, are also to be found in these books claiming protection from being pressed.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 393.*

57—Board Letters, 1805—1809, are registered copies of letters to dockyards, and are of little genealogical interest.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 402.*

58—List of transports licensed to go to America, 1776—80, gives masters' names.

*Sec. Miscellaneous, 566.*

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PART III.

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“ Secretary,”

Comprising:

“ RETURNS OF OFFICERS’ SERVICES,”

“ MINUTE BOOKS,”

“ COMMISSION AND WARRANT BOOKS,”

also

“ REGISTERS VARIOUS.”

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59—Returns of Officers' Services, from 1817, give the several bearings or ranks, names of the several ships, stations on which the ship was chiefly employed, date of entry, date of discharge. This return is of the greatest importance in tracing the career of an officer, as from it can be obtained the whole course of his service. When the Lieutenant's passing certificates do not contain a record of baptism, search these returns for the name of an officer's first or second ship, then turn to the ship's pay or muster book, and his place of birth should be found. The indexes to these books are numbered 1—7, series I.

## *Sec. Indexes and Compilations.*

60—Minute Books, from 1689 to 1857, contain general orders of the Admiralty, and a few cases of superannuations, appointments, petitions of widows, mothers for bounty, leave of absence.

## *Sec. Minutes.*

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61—Commission and Warrant Books, from 1695 to 1849, gives orders for boys to be admitted to the Royal Academy at Portsmouth; appointments of commissioned, petty and dockyard officers, showing name of ship, exchange of ships. The outport books in this series are of more value, as they contain letters to officers ordering them to call for their commission or warrant, the address being given. A specimen letter is appended:—

“6 June, 1747.

“The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having signed a commission for you to be Captain of H.M.S. ‘The Augusta.’ It is their Lordships direction that you forthwith repair hither to take it out.—I am, J. C.

“Capt. Bonfoy,

Abbot's Ripton, near Huntingdon.”

In a commission dated 26 Nov., 1755,

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this Capt. Bonfoy is described as of Repton, near Abbot's Ripton.

Sometimes the letters are addressed thus—Capt. Hanbury, at Sir Chas. Hanbury Williams, at Coldbrook, Mon. This should be a good genealogical clue.

*Sec. Registers Various, 3.*

62—Summary Commissions and Warrant Books, from 1814 to 1849, are a brief record of posting of commissions, only the station is to be gleaned from them.

*Sec. Registers Various, 47.*

63—In the Appointment Books of Officers from half-pay, 1795—1815, can be found date of commission, officer's name, ship's name, remarks such as discharge from last ship, arrived from abroad.

*Sec. Registers Various, 54.*

A second series of printed Appointment Books commencing in 1785 gives names of officers, rank, seniority, services.

*Sec. Registers Various, 50.*



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- 64—Appointment to Hired Cutters, Sea Fencibles, &c., from 1803, contains only a bare record of appointment. Indexed.

*Sec. Registers Various, 55.*

- 65—Appointment to Revenue Cutters, from 1816. In many cases the name of the person nominating is given, and it might be possible to follow this up as a genealogical clue. An index is in the volume.

*Sec. Registers Various, 56.*

- 66—Commission Books, from 1795 to 1846, give only a bare list of officers.

*Sec. Registers Various, 57.*

- 67—Lieutenants' Passing Certificates, from 1744 to 1819, give dates of service as able seamen, midshipmen, &c., with certificates from Captains as to diligence, sobriety and obedience. Not indexed.

*Sec. Registers Various, 86.*

- 68—Papers relating to Commissions, Appointments and Services, from 1752 to 1846, are

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the original or attested copies of commissions and appointments, the early ones do not give addresses.

*Sec. Registers Various, 61.*

69—Papers relating to Commissions, Appointments and Services, 1752—1846. From the later ones can be obtained some home addresses of officers.

*Sec. Registers Various, 66.*

70—Return of Officers' Employments, being a return to a letter dated 1822, can be used to obtain actual age of the officer, rank, seniority, if in receipt of any other office, place or pension, names of Greenwich pensioners.

*Sec. Registers Various, 74.*

71—Officers' ages can be obtained from volume 85 of Return of Officers' Employments.

*Sec. Registers Various, 85.*

72—List of Acting Lieutenants, Masters, Mates, Midshipmen whose qualifica-

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tions have been admitted at an examination, from 1816, can be searched for place of birth and age of those who passed in 1816 and 1818.

*Sec. Registers Various, 119.*

73—Pursers' Passing Certificates, from 1813, do not give place of birth, but only give record of examination.

*Sec. Registers Various, 120.*

74—Passing Certificates of Pursers, Boat-swains and Captains, from 1803, give place of birth.

*Sec. Registers Various, 121.*

75—List of Masters in 1806 give discharges from the service.

*Sec. Registers Various, 132.*

76—Documents relating to the appointment and pay of Masters are of little value.

*Sec. Registers Various, 130.*

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- 77—Appointment of Second Masters, from 1816, gives only a bare record.

*Sec. Registers Various, 133.*

- 78—Documents relating to the qualifications and services of Masters, from 1807, give results of examinations by Trinity House, certificates of services, and of baptism.

*Sec. Registers Various, 136.*

- 79—Registers of Masters, Assistants and Volunteers, from 1824.

*Sec. Registers Various, 169.*

- 80—Register of Lieutenants soliciting employment, from 1799. This is an important return, as it gives addresses.

*Sec. Registers Various, 170.*

- 81—List of Lieutenants incapable of employment, from 1804, gives addresses.

*Sec. Registers Various, 173.*

- 82—Register of services of Lieutenants, 1813—1847, gives ages, services, &c.

*Sec. Registers Various, 174.*

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83—List of Midshipmen, in 1802 and from 1814, gives appointments.

*Sec. Registers Various, 175.*

84—A list of Masters, Mates, Midshipmen and other candidates for promotion, from 1814, gives ages, characters, length of services, &c.

*Sec. Registers Various, 177.*

85—Return of Midshipmen's Services for 1814 gives place of birth.

*Sec. Registers Various, 182.*

86—Register of Chaplains, Schoolmasters and Masters-at-Arms, from 1757, gives bare lists of appointments.

*Sec. Registers Various, 185.*

87—Applications from Warrant Officers for promotion or transfer, from 1770, can be consulted for name of person recommending.

*Sec. Registers Various, 187.*

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- 88—Warrant sent to Navy Office, from 1800, gives appointments.

*Sec. Registers Various, 191.*

- 89—Entry of Warrants of Sailmakers, Caulkers, Ropemakers, and Coopers gives bare record of appointment, from 1798.

*Sec. Registers Various, 197.*

- 90—Register of Officers on Leave of Absence, from 1804, does not give any genealogical details.

*Sec. Registers Various.*

- 91—List of Officers who have had leave to go abroad, from 1783, give destination and object. Frequently leave is granted to visit on private affairs distant places like Barbadoes, Jamaica, Boston. This might in some cases be followed up as a genealogical clue to the origin of emigrants.

*Sec. Registers Various, 207.*

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92—Officers requesting to be superseded, from 1801, does not contain addresses.

*Sec. Registers Various, 212.*

93—Register of Officers entitled to Half Pay, from 1774, gives dates of death.

*Sec. Registers Various, 213.*

94—Register of Out-pensioners of Greenwich Hospital, from 1737, gives names only.

*Sec. Registers Various, 223.*

95—Compassionate List Registers, 1809 to 1836, are of the greatest value, they give widow's or orphan's name, age and residence; by whom the application was made; officer's name and when he died; rank and length of service; name of last ship; when and where married; obstacle to the party being granted a regular pension; circumstances under which the widow or orphan have been recommended; decision. The following is an example—Wm. Higgens Steel,

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born 18 June, 1802, and Edward Hale Steele, born 7 May, 1803, residing at Hambledon. Application made by their great aunt, Mrs. Deborah Rickman. Officer's name, Henry Steel, died 10 August, 1805. Rank, Lieutenant in Royal Marines, joined 22 March, 1796. Killed in action; married 6 Nov., 1800, at Portsea. The great aunt says that the mother of these children died a year before their father was killed. She states herself to be old and infirm, with an annuity of £60. These children have £33 10s. per annum, part of which is in Chancery. Refused. These books have an index.

*Sec. Registers Various, 323.*

96—Minutes of the Commissioners for managing the charity for widows, from 1732, being a register of widows' applications. Not infrequently two widows would claim in respect of one man.

*Sec. Registers Various, 332.*



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- 97—Alphabetical List of Candidates for Greenwich Hospital, from 1818, gives bare names only.

*Sec. Registers Various, 269.*

- 98—List of Officers' Candidates for the out-pension of Greenwich Hospital gives services, ages, if married, and how many children. Should be consulted for biographical detail.

*Sec. Registers Various, 270.*

- 99—Register of Candidates for relief from Greenwich Hospital, from 1789, can be used to obtain ages.

*Sec. Registers Various, 271.*

- 100—List of men granted pensions from Greenwich Hospital for limited periods, from 1819, gives reasons for pensions.

*Sec. Registers Various, 321.*

- 101—General Alphabetical Register of Greenwich Hospital Pensions, from 1821, is only of biographical value.

*Sec. Registers Various, 322.*

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102—Register of Widows' Applications for Pensions and Allowances, from 1817, can be used to obtain name, rank and service of deceased seaman, number of children, name and age of widow, if remarried, person recommending.

*Sec. Registers Various, 329.*

103—Widows' Pension Papers, from 1759, contain records of officers' deaths and ages, oaths as to where married. Each yearly bundle has a pile of remarriages and deaths. They can be searched for both commissioned and warrant officers. A few certificates to be found at 40. For index use 48.

*Sec. Registers Various, 336.*

104—Miscellaneous Papers relating to the proceedings for managing the charity for widows, from 1759, contain marriage certificates, death certificates, letters from heirs of pensioners showing rela-

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tionship. These have been sorted out in years.

*Sec. Registers Various, 385.*

105—Register of Dockyard Officers and Clerks superannuated, from 1801, is of little value as it is only a bare list.

*Sec. Registers Various, 403.*

106—Register of Commissions and Appointments in the Admiralty and Vice-Admiralty Courts, 1673—1688.

*Sec. Registers Various, 404.*

107—Register of Commissions and Appointments of Marines, from 1703. The dates of death of deceased officers can be obtained from these books.

*Sec. Registers Various, 405.*

108—Alphabetical List of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Woolwich Division of Royal Marines, enlisted for limited service, 1806—1822.

*Sec. Registers Various, 407.*

109—A Register of Royal Marines discharged on payment of money, from 1818, gives the date of the order.

*Sec. Registers Various, 408.*

110—Registers of Officers of Marines on Half Pay, from 1789; a few dates of death are given.

*Sec. Registers Various, 410.*

111—Register of Officers of Marines on Leave, from 1817, gives place of destination.

*Sec. Registers Various, 414.*

112—Register of Prisoners of War in 1813 does not give any genealogical information.

*Sec. Registers Various, 417.*

113—Description Books of Convicts, from 1819, gives places of birth, age, height, trade, married or single. This book has details of value to the Eugenic Society.

*Sec. Registers Various, 422.*

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PART IV.



Naval Board.

# The Records

114—The Naval Board's Records of Lieutenants' Examination, 1795—1832, are indexed. From these books can be obtained the date of examination, and with this the unindexed passing certificates can be traced; they also give age and details of service.

*Naval Board Passing Certificates, 64*

115—The Naval Board Passing Certificates, 1691—1832. From 1789 they give baptism certificates, and are thus of the greatest genealogical value, but if the certificate is missing search 40. These books are indexed down to 1794. From 1795 onwards the Records of Examination are indexed, so that for this period one must first obtain the dates of passing from the examination papers, and then turn to the passing certificates, which are in order of date.

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116—Lieutenants' Certificates of Service, 1802—1848. These books give place of birth, age, quality, discharge, ships served on. As they are indexed they are worth searching if a passing certificate cannot be found.

*Naval Board Passing Certificates, 71.*

117—Naval Board Letters from the Admiralty commence in 1660. They are chiefly about the state of repairs of ships, but can be consulted on questions relating to men's pay, pensions.

*Naval Board In Letters, 75.*

118—Letters relating to American Transports, 1741—59, do not contain genealogical matter, but names of masters of merchantmen can be obtained from them.

*Naval Board In Letters, 274.*

119—Naval Board Miscellaneous In Letters, from 1660, are of little interest.

*Naval Board In Letters, 1263.*

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120—Naval Board Promiscuous Letters, 1790—1832, contain a few biographical details.

*Naval Board In Letters*, 1448.

121—Naval Board In Letters from Public Boards, 1806—1832, are of little value, but in some cases dates of death can be obtained.

*Naval Board In Letters*, 1727.

122—In Letters to the Naval Board from the Officers at Woolwich commence in 1790, and can be used for appointments, &c., for men in that yard.

*Naval Board In Letters*, 1788.

123—Abstracts of Letters from the Admiralty to the Naval Board, 1660—1822. These contain chiefly matter relating to the building and repairs of ships, but a few biographical details can be obtained from them.

*Naval Board In Letters*, 2088.



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124—Abstracts of Letters from the Admiralty to the Naval Board as to Payments, 1781—1815. These books give superannuations, appointments, deaths.

*Naval Board In Letters*, 2100.

125—Register of Letters from Naval Officers, 1808—1822, to the Naval Board are of no genealogical interest.

*Naval Board In Letters* 2120.

126—Miscellaneous Letters to the Naval Board, from 1673, can be used for information as to appointments, retirements.

*Naval Board In Letters*, 1304.

127—Letters from Solicitors to the Naval Board, 1801—1832, are only of biographical interest.

*Naval Board In Letters*, 1763.

128—Letters from the Admiralty to the Naval Board, 1738—1832, contain returns of officers, surgeons, dockyard hands.

*Naval Board Out Letters*, 2188.

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- 129—Out Letters from the Naval Board to the Public Board, 1806—1830, relate to departmental matters, and are of little interest.

*Naval Board Out Letters*, 2298.

- 130—Naval Board Letters to Captains, 1795—1832, can be consulted on questions of pay, bounty, &c. Indexed.

*Naval Board Out Letters*, 2353.

- 131—Naval Board Miscellaneous Minutes, 1713—1770, are of no interest.

*Naval Board Minutes*, 2894

- 132—Naval Board Minutes, from 1729, contain information about ship building, repairs, dockyards, &c.

*Naval Board Minutes*, 2620.

- 133—Register of Officers appointed to ships by the Naval Board, 1733—1799, gives rank, date of warrant, name of last ship. Indexed under ships.

*Naval Board Registers*, 2896.

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- 134—Masters' Qualifications, 1660—1838, are records of examinations by Trinity House.

*Naval Board Registers, 2943.*

- 135—Surgeons' Qualifications, 1700—1800, are the records of examination by the Barber Surgeons' Company, parentage might be obtained by application to the Clerk of the Company.

*Naval Board Registers, 2952.*

- 136—List of Officers entitled to Half Pay gives the names of executors with relationships.

*Naval Board Registers, 2970.*

- 137—List of Officers on Leave, 1762—1774. This book is of some value, as many of the officers are described as having gone to America on private affairs, such information might act as a clue between England and America. The following are specimens—Lieut. Robert Nourse, leave for twelve months longer to remain at Virginia on his private affairs,

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12 March, 1774; leave renewed 11 August, 1775; for Capt. Archibald Kennedy, twelve months longer to remain in New York on his private affairs, 14 May, 1774.

*Naval Board Registers, 2972.*

- 138—Descriptive Book of Artificers at Chatham, for 1779, gives age, married or single, number of children, if freeman of what place, where served his apprenticeship.

*Naval Board Registers, 2975.*

- 139—Names of Seamen slain, 1742—1782, shows name of seaman, ship, date of death, names of the mother, widow or children, date of letter, of what parish.

*Naval Board Registers, 3017.*

- 140—Bounty List of relatives of men killed in action, 1742—1787. This is a valuable list, as names, residences of relatives, and names of ships are stated. Indexed.

*Naval Board Registers, 3018.*

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141—Applications for Bounty, 1798—1821, contain marriage certificates, baptism certificates of the children, certificates of the widow's residence and character.

*Naval Board Registers, 3021.*

142—Bounty Papers, 1675—1822, give name and address of relation to whom the bounty is paid, and, what is of more value, certificates of baptism of the next-of-kin, in many cases it being the parent. Parents' marriage certificates are also with these papers. Officers and men are included in these documents. Certificates of residence and repute of the applicant. In some cases the certificates are of births or marriages had in America, as example—Flora Corbyn, of 19, Edgcombe Street, East Stonehouse, near Plymouth, maketh oath that she is the widow of Thomas Corbyn, and that she was married at Wilmington, North Carolina, upwards

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of thirty years ago. Further deposes she is a native of N. America, and has been settled in England twenty years at the time of the death of her son, Edmund Corbyn, a midshipman on H.M.S. "Mars," who was killed 21 Oct., 1805. Sworn 12 Dec., 1806.

*Naval Board Registers, 3028.*

143—Deptford Yard Letter Books, 1688—1819, are chiefly about ship building, but the names of shipwrights can be obtained from them.

*Naval Board Miscellaneous, 3306.*

143a—Nominations to Christ's Hospital, 1781—1822. This is only a small bundle, but is of considerable genealogical value.

*Naval Board Miscellaneous, 3514.*

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PART V.



Accountant General.

# The Records

144—Letters from the Naval Board to the Treasurer commence 1808. They can be consulted as regards matters of pay, assignment of bills by officers, seamen's effects, wages to widows of seamen.

*Ac. Gen. In Letters, 1.*

145—Letters from the Admiralty to the Ticket Office, from 1815, contain a little genealogical information.

*Ac. Gen. In Letters, 13.*

146—Letters from the Naval Board to the Ticket Office commence 1774. They contain bonds from the heirs of seamen, giving addresses, certificates of births of seamen, and wives of seamen, residence of seamen when on land, and many other genealogical details.

*Ac. Gen. In Letters, 35.*

147—Accountant General In Letters have a class known as Abstracts from 1740, these are in the nature of indices under the ship's names.

*Ac. Gen. In Letters, 168.*



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- 148—Copies of Minutes of the Naval Board sent to the Ticket Office, from 1693, can be consulted on questions of pay and movement of money.

*Ac. Gen. In Letters*, 181.

- 149—Treasurer's Letters Books, from 1807, contain letters about personation of relatives of deceased seamen, wills made in favour of an agent and so defrauding relatives, payment of wages to heirs of seamen, showing residences.

*Ac. Gen. Out Letters*, 1

- 150—Account General Letters to the Admiralty and Treasury, from 1807, contain recital of letters from relations of seamen as to pay, prize money.

*Ac. Gen. Out Letters*, 5.

- 151—Registers of Salaries and Pensions, from 1781, are not of much value as they do not give addresses.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 5.

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- 152—Pension List, from 1824. This is a bare alphabetical list.

*Ac. Gen. Salaries & Pensions*, 34.

- 153—Pension Remittance Books, from 1828. They relate to pensions of petty officers, and as they give addresses are of considerable genealogical value. Indexed.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 39.

- 154—Pay Book of Officers' Pensions, 1815—29. When the pension was drawn by the officer in person his signature is given, and in the case of a deceased officer the signature of his heir, showing relationship.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 47.

- 155—Check Book, 1821—42, gives deaths of officers.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 49.

- 156—Register of Attorneys to receive Pensions, 1761—1809. These powers seem to be to agents only, and addresses are not stated. Indexed.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 51.

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- 157—Pay Book of Widows' Pensions, 1734—1835. These are records of payment of pensions; they can be used to get the date of death of widows, heirs of widows, signatures of widows, &c.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 93.

- 158—Pay Books of Naval Out Pensions, 1814—1846, show dates of pensioners deaths.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 264.

- 159—Application Book for Widows' Pensions, 1809—1820. This book is of the greatest value, as it gives widow's name, maiden name, husband's rank, ship, when he died, when married, where married, widow put on the list. Commissioned and warrant officers are included.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Sal.*, 238.

- 160—Allotment Receipt Book, 1814, gives names of wife or mother of a few seamen.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 1

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161—Arrears of Pay Officers and Seamen, 1689—1743, sometimes give the names of a man's relict.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var., 2.*

162—Bounty to Chaplains, 1804—1822. Relationship of executors and heirs of chaplains are sometimes to be obtained.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.,*

163—Bounty Remittance Book, 1795—1832, can be used to obtain names and addresses of relations of deceased seamen.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var., 20.*

164—Papers of the Royal Naval College, 1817—32, consist chiefly of pay lists of the masters, but amongst them can be found a list of the scholars, 1818—1821, showing the friends' names and addresses.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var., 21.*

165—Distressed Seamen's Subsistence, 1729—1815. These books are a record of

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seamen's passages and are of little value.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 22.

166—Papers relating to the deaths of Marines, 1831. This is only a small parcel, but contains certificates and other valuable information.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 27.

167—Midshipmen's Papers, 1801—10, are records of examinations, services; they contain a few baptism certificates.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 31.

168—List of Officers, 1747, gives names of relatives in a few cases. Indexed.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 32.

169—Pension delivery books, from 1828, are of little value, but as they are indexed they might be used to find date of death by a name dropping out.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 35.

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170—Papers relating to Pilots, 1759—1819, can only be used to obtain the names of pilots.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 36.

171—Pilots' Certificate Book, 1793—1807, only gives names of pilots. Indexed under ships.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 37.

172—Papers relating to pensioners for the years 1831 and 1832 contain certificates of deaths and other valuable genealogical information.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 56.

173—Widows' Marriage Register, 1801—1818. This is a book well worth searching for the marriages of commissioned and petty officers. The age of the male contracting party is stated.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 57.

174—Miscellaneous Pay Lists, 1750—1820. The only value of these books is in the fact that they give signatures.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 58.

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- 175—Register of Attorneys, 1800—36. The powers of attorney are chiefly to agents and bankers.

*Ac. Gen. Reg. Var.*, 64.

- 176—Full Pay Registers, 1795 — 1858, should be used to obtain ships' names and services; when the name of a ship is known, its pay and muster books give place of birth. Indexed.

*Ac. Gen. Full Pay Reg.*, 35.

- 177—Half-pay Registers, 1693—1836, can be used to obtain the name of a ship from which an officer was put on half-pay, and the ship to which he was appointed. Only some of these books are indexed.

*Ac. Gen. Half-pay Reg.*, 27.

- 178—Account General Journals, from 1826, do not contain pedigree matters.

*Ac. Gen. Journals*, 1.

- 179—Remittances, from 1793, gives name, relationship and address of the heir to whom remittance was sent. Indexed.

*Ac. Gen. Remittances*, 13.

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180—Account General's Ledgers, from 1826, are hardly worth searching, but sometimes a little pedigree matter can be obtained.

*Ac. Gen. Ledgers, 126.*

181—Allotment Registers, 1795 — 1812, give names and vocation of wife or mother of seaman. In order to use these books the name of ship must be known.

*Ac. Gen. Allotments, 1.*

182—Treasurer's Accounts, from 1681. Only the names can be got from this series.

*Ac. Gen. Treasurer's Accounts, 91.*

183—Seamen's Wills, from 1786, should be consulted in all cases, as they are the very backbone of pedigrees, but naval wills as a rule only name one relation—wife, father, mother or brother, &c.

*Ac. Gen. Miscel. Seamen's Wills.*

184—Head Money Vouchers, from 1710. These are the papers connected with



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prize money cases. They contain names and signatures of seamen.

*Ac. Gen. Miscel. Head Money Vouchers, 2.*

185—Seamen's Effects Papers, 1800—60.

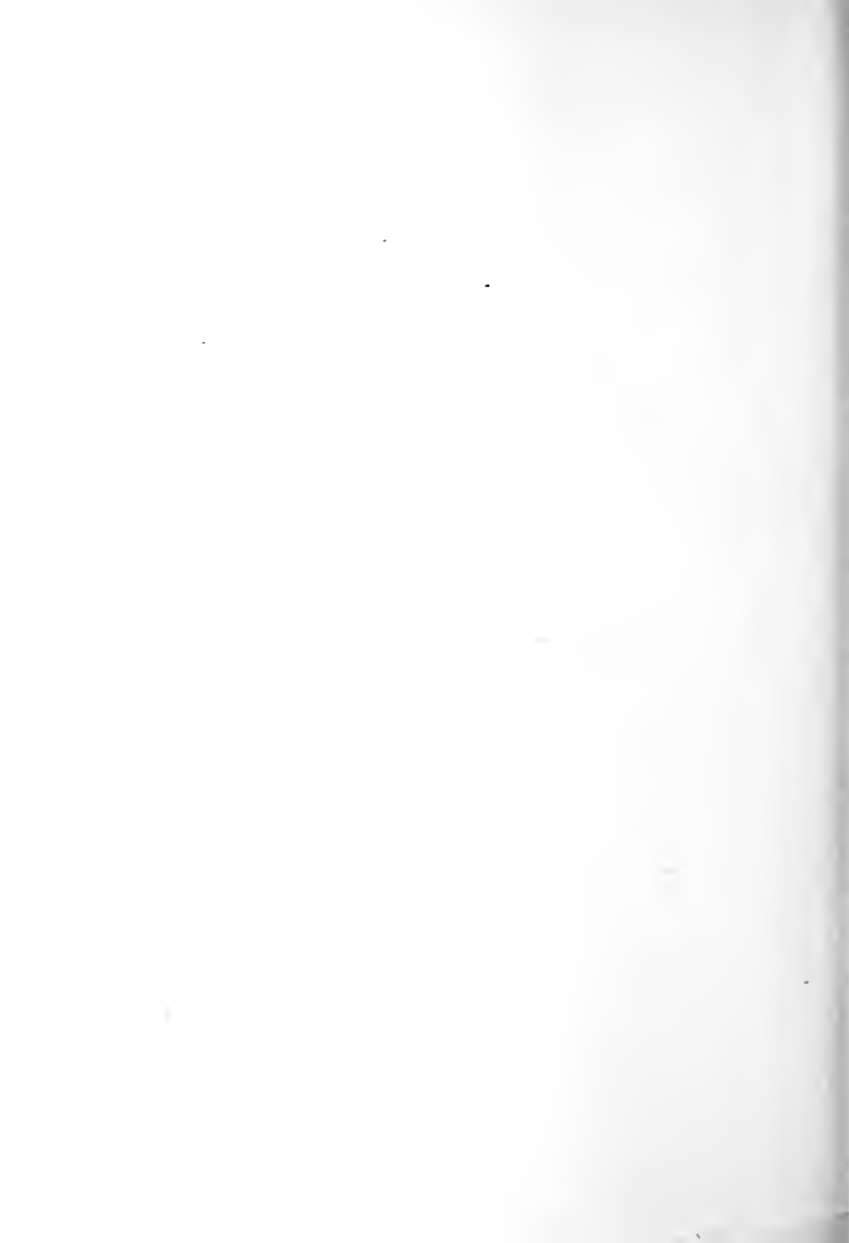
These are of the utmost value to genealogists, for they contain baptism certificates, letters of administration, wills, marriage certificates of parents, residence of parents.

*Ac. Gen. Seamen's Effects Papers, 1.*

186—Bill Books start in 1642. They contain orders for payments of money, stating the object, such as disbursements by officers on journeys, pay, pension to men, widows and children. These books are worth searching for pedigree purposes. Indexed.

*Ac. Gen. Bill Books, 1.*

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PART VI.

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Greenwich Hospital.

# The Records

187—Admiralty Letters to the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital, from 1829, contain discharges of nurses from Greenwich Hospital, letters about farmers on the Northern Estates, and other matters connected with the hospital administration. Indexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. In Letters, 1*

188—Admiralty Letters to the Governor of Greenwich Hospital, from 1829. They contain permission for leave of absence, discharges from being an in-pensioner to an out-pensioner, orders for boys to be discharged from school to ship, (these orders sometimes give a boy's parentage), orders and petitions for readmission to the hospital. Indexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. In Letters, 21.*

189—A book covering the years 1780 to 1820, in which are entered letters received by the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital as to prize money. Many of them being

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dated from the West Indies, America, &c. They can be consulted for dates of death and other genealogical information. Unindexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. In Letters, 13.*

190—Letters as to the Admission of Pensioners to Greenwich Hospital, 1756—1822, are of great value in constructing pedigrees. The following extracts from these letters show their value:—Petition of Charles Cleeve, formerly pensioner at Greenwich, who states that he left the hospital in an inadvertant manner on the 5th of Nov., 1759, without obtaining a proper discharge, to go to Ipswich to live with his daughter, for which he was made “run” on the books, and being now greatly slighted by her as well as under miserable circumstances, having nothing to subsist on but charity, and unable to get his bread through old age and infirmities, being sixty-nine years of age.

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Petition of Mary Grimes, late a nurse at Greenwich Hospital. That she laid down her warrant to do something better for her children, but has been greatly disappointed. That she is the widow of John Grimes, late cook of H. M. Ship "Swiftsman," who was killed in an engagement in 1759. Not indexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. In Letters*, 81.

- 191—Greenwich Hospital Letters from the Solicitor, 1774—1865, give details as to the estates, inclosing commons, illtreatment of apprentices, chancery suits, ejectments, petitions showing parentage, prize money, copies of wills, deeds, and schedule of deeds; one I noticed starts with a deed in 1412.

*Greenwich Hosp. In Letters*.

- 192—Greenwich Hospital Out Letters from the Directors, 1704—1750, are concerned with the more important affairs of that

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institution and are not of much genealogical interest.

*Greenwich Hosp. Out Letters, 15*

- 193—Greenwich Hospital Out Letters from the Secretary, 1800—1865, can be consulted as to the hospital estates, return of prize money to seamen, with address, heirs of seamen.

*Greenwich Hosp. Out Letters, 32.*

- 194—Greenwich Hospital Out Letters from the Depnty Treasurer and Cashier, 1799—1833, can be used for information about prize money and prize agents.

*Greenwich Hosp. Out Letters, 46.*

- 195—Royal Naval Asylum Board Letter Books, 1808—1881, contain lists of children admitted, apprentices, appointment of officers.

*Greenwich Hosp. Out Letters, 68.*

- 196—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital Receivers of Northern Estates, 1735—

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1827, only contain a few rents in detail, the rest are totals for each place.

*Greenwich Hosp. Ac. Var.*, 231.

197—Greenwich Hospital Receipts of Unclaimed Prize Money, 1745—1770, contain lists of names and amounts.

*Greenwich Hosp. Ac. Var.*, 318.

198—Register of Letters of Attorney and Appointments of Agents, 1747—1802, contains names of seamen and officers. The Attorneys are agents and bankers, and not relatives.

*Greenwich Hosp. Ac. Var.*, 329.

199—Register of Advertisements by agents abroad for distribution of prize money. The forfeited shares going to Greenwich Hospital, 1776—1801. No genealogical value.

*Greenwich Hosp. Ac. Var.*, 333.

200—Register of Effects of discharged, dead and "run" seamen paid into Greenwich



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Hospital, 1813—1831, gives seamen's names.

*Greenwich Hosp. Ac. Var.*, 340.

201—Greenwich Hospital School Accounts are not of value for pedigree purposes.

*Greenwich Hosp. Ac. Var.*, 550.

202—Alphabetical List of Dead Seamen, 1787—1809.

*Greenwich Hosp. Miscel. Var.*, 4.

203—Greenwich Hospital Book of Wills, 1732—1767. This book is also a register of other kinds of deeds, such as assignments, patents of appointment. Indexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. Miscel. Var.*, 108.

204—Papers relating to the estate of Sir Harcourt Masters should be consulted by all interested in the Masters family.

*Greenwich Hosp. Miscel. Var.*, 115.

205—Greenwich Hospital Ledgers Northern Estates, 1734—1864. Can be used for

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tenant's names, rents, names of farmers, &c.

*Northern Estates Ledgers*, 1

206—Greenwich Hospital Estates Rent Ledgers, 1810—1872, gives names and rents.

*Ledgers Greenwich Estates*, 4.

207—Greenwich Hospital Pensioners Admission Papers, 1790—1861, are certificates from the Naval Office of men's services, and give name of entry or discharge, some of the discharges contain personal descriptions as to hair, eyes, height, &c. The home addresses can be found on the endorsements.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 2.

208—General Entry Book of Officers and Pensioners, from 1704 to 1865, gives date of entry, discharge or death. Indexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 36.

209—General Register of Pensioners of Greenwich Hospital and their Families,

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1826—1865. These books give age, date of entry, years in service, pension, country, parish, if and how disabled, in what ship, upon what service, if single, married or widower, residence of wife, number of children, ages, date of death or discharge, in what parish married. Indexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 42.

210—Greenwich Hospital Rough Entry Book of Pensioners, 1704—1869, gives dates of entry, death or discharge, place where born, where last resided, years in service, name of last ship, age, if married.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 51.

211—Greenwich Hospital Entry Book of Pensioners, 1764—1865, gives ages, descriptions such as height, place of abode, wife, ages, and number of children.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 65.

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212—Greenwich Hospital Master's Book of House Labourers, 1736—1802. From these books only the names of the servants can be obtained.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.* 70.

213—A General List of Matrons and Nurses at Greenwich Hospital, 1704—1827, gives dates of entry, discharge, marriage, death.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 83.

214—Greenwich Hospital List of Nurses, 1704—1772, gives dates of deaths, discharges. &c. Indexed.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 87.

215—Greenwich Hospital Register of Children at Clarence House, Paddington Green, 1800—1801, gives ages, parents, and residence of parents. Some of the children are not those of soldiers but of sailors. This book also contains a list of subscribers.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 89.

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216—Greenwich Hospital Book of Warrants for Appointments, 1800—42, only has record of appointments without home addresses.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 91.

217—Greenwich Hospital Out-Pension Pay Book, 1781—1801, gives a few signatures of pensioners.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 95.

218—Greenwich Hospital School Admission Papers, 1728—1870, contain petitions for admission of children and give names, residence and service of parents, if the father is dead the date of his decease, date of father's discharge, number of children, certificates of health and education, certificate from the clergy that the applicant is a real object of charity, stating parentage, baptismal certificates, bonds of relatives and friends, with conditions that the boy be at the disposal of the Governors,

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marriage certificates, burial certificates of parents. Indexed to the first letter of the surname.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 154.

- 219—Greenwich Hospital School Discharge Papers, 1728—1870, contain indentures of apprenticeship, with endorsement that they have been enrolled in the Chamber of London, bonds to the master for the performance of apprenticeship indentures. Autograph signatures of master and boy are appended to the indentures.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.* 390.

- 220—Greenwich Hospital School Claims for Admission, 1803—1845, give date of petition, age, grounds of admission, when and where baptised, name of father, by whom recommended, date of certificate of marriage, ship on which father served, place of residence of

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parents or friends, time of admission, cause of rejection.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 391.

- 221—Greenwich Hospital School, 1767—1865, gives names of boys and those who nominated.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 407.

- 222—Names of Upper School Boys bound Apprentice, 1812—1833, gives quality of boy's father.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 412.

- 223—Register of boys bound out from Greenwich Hospital School, 1728—1870, gives quality of the father, to whom bound, trade of the ship, *i.e.*, coasting or Jamaica trade, age of the boy, &c.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 416.

- 224—List of Boys Apprenticed, 1808—1838, gives name and residence of the firm to whom apprenticed.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 421.

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- 225—Disposal of Boys from the Royal Naval Asylum, 1818—1823. The first part contains those put into the Royal Navy, and the second part those in the Merchant Service.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 422.

- 226—Register of the School for Officers' Sons, 1828—1861, can be consulted for rank of father, age of boy, entry and discharge, how disposed of.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 425.

- 227—Index to Boys' Claims for Admission to Greenwich School, 1826—1829.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 426.

- 228—Royal Naval Asylum Alphabet of Children, 1772—1860, gives dates of admission.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 434.

- 229—Index to Boys Admitted to Greenwich School, 1805—1865.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 435.



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- 230—Index to Admission Applications for Children to Greenwich Hospital will save time in consulting the school registers.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 439.

- 231—Girls' Claims for Admission to Greenwich, 1816—1841, give date of birth, date of baptism, date of marriage, name of father and mother, number of children to maintain, residence, classed or rejected, removal and new addresses of parents.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 440.

- 232—List of Girls Admitted to Greenwich School, 1805—1847, gives ages, where and when baptized, name of father, date of father's marriage, place of parents' residence, how disposed of.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 442.

- 233—Index of Girls' Claims, 1833—1840.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 444.

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- 234—Royal Naval Asylums Alphabet for Girls' Admissions, 1833—1845.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 445.

- 235—List of Greenwich Girls Apprenticed, 1808—1845. This book also contains a list of girls with parents' names and addresses.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 448.

- 236—Register of Officers' Servants and Patriotic Fund Boys gives dates of appointment, discharge, cause, 1805—1880.

*Greenwich Hosp. Reg.*, 449.

- 237—Greenwich Hospital School Ledger, 1810—1820, can be used for names of the officials.

*Greenwich Hosp. School Ledger*, 3.

- 238—Greenwich Hospital Admissions of Boys, 1731—1775, contain general orders for the management of the hospital, and are of great interest, as they give information about the inmates. They can

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be used for admission of boys, with parents' names, apprenticeship of boys, lists of the charity boys, showing by whom recommended, names of boys who ran away or were expelled.

*Greenwich Hosp. Minutes*, 237.

- 239—Greenwich Hospital Charity Accounts, 1737—1814, contain details of binding apprentices, admission of boys.

*Greenwich Hosp. Minutes*, 443.

- 240—Greenwich Hospital Minutes of Management of the Derwentwater Estates, 1735—1865, are of considerable genealogical use to those interested in residents on the Derwentwater estates.

*Greenwich Hosp. Minutes*, 260.

- 241—Admiralty Greenwich Hospital Minutes, 1737—1829, are not of genealogical value.

- 242—Greenwich Hospital Treasurers' Ledgers are of little value, 1695—1864.

*Greenwich Hosp. Treas. Ledgers*, 16.

243—Register of Payments to Pensioners,  
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244—Index of Pensioners, 1744—1778, gives  
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- 245—Marine Office In Letters are of biographical value, 1690—1810.

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- 246—Marine Out Letters, 1778—1819, can be used for appointments, retirements, &c.

*Marine Office*, 13.

- 247—Marine Accounts, from 1711, give names of officers in command of regiments.

*Marine Office Accounts*, 31.

- 248—Marine Effective and Subsistence Lists, Musters, &c., 1688—1835, give names of Marine officers and men, dates of death, subsistence on land.

*Marine Office Register*, 117.

- 249—Register of Prisoners of War, 1779—1831, gives prisoners' names and dates of arrest, discharge or death.

*Medical Department*, 13.

- 250—Index to Officers' Services. This is a printed alphabetical index to the services of officers up to the year 1826. It is more particularly of use for Admirals'

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services, as it gives the numbers to returns of Admirals' services.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 1.*

Index to Sea Officers, in 1817, gives a clue to the services of Captains, Commanders and Lieutenants.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 3.*

Index to the Services of Post Captains, Commanders and Lieutenants in April, 1821.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 4.*

Secretary's Indexes, Series I, No. 5, is similar to No. 4, but for the year 1822.

251—Index to Captains' Letters, 1698—1792, gives the outside dates of a captain's correspondence. These letters have been renumbered, so that one must count to the number of the required volume in the new list in order to get the current reference.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 8.*

252—Index to Admirals' Journals, 1755—1848.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 9.*

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- 253—Index and Abstract of Captains' Services, 1660—1741. This book gives the names of an officer's first ship, this can be followed up by consulting the pay or muster book of the first boat, and it ought to contain place of birth.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 10.*

- 254—Admiral Rookes's Journal, 1700—1702, is to be found in

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 11.*

- 255—List of Officers on Recall, 1692—1702, can be searched to obtain the names of those who received officers' pay as Attorneys.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 12.*

- 256—An account of which Captains and Lieutenants have brought their Commissions from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to the Naval Board to be registered, 1730—1818. Can be used to obtain date



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of commission and name of ship. No index, but in order of date.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 13.*

257—Index to Prisoners of War, 1796—1816, seems to be only a catalogue of records and books.

*Sec. Indexes, Series I., No. 14.*

258—Officers' Services, 1781—1862. Sorted into alphabetical order. These are of great biographical interest. The date of passing as Lieutenant is stated.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 1.*

259—Masters' Services, 1779—1851. With indexes.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 2, &c.*

260—Lieutenants' Services, 1836—1844.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 11.*

261—Services of Officers promoted, 1782—1843, in alphabetical order, letters N to Z only.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 12.*

262—Letter Book of Appointments, with index, gives addresses, 1804—1813.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 14.*

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263—Register of Sub-Lieutenants, 1805—1810. With index.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 19.*

264—Midshipmen and others passed as Lieutenants, 1826—1869, gives date of birth, names of ship. Indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 22.*

265—Gunners, Boatswains and other services, 1770—1836. From this the name of ship served in can be obtained. Indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 31.*

266—Book of Surgeons' Services, 1742—1815, gives names of ships. Indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 40.*

267—Chaplains' Services, 1814—1836. Alphabetical.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II. No. 41.*

268—Services of Paymasters and Pursers, 1802—1837, showing ages in 1851. Gives addresses. Indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 42.*

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269—List of Paymasters, 1809—1856, showing ages, seniority. Not indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 45.*

270—Index of Pursers' Warrants, 1809—1814, gives names of ships.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 50.*

271—Candidates for the Royal Naval College, 1811—1834, gives parentage, by whom recommended, when born, when admitted and discharged. This is an important compilation, and should be searched in all cases where parentage of an officer is wanted. Indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 53.*

272—List of Various Officers. No date. This is an index, to which book is not clear. It can be used to obtain rank.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 54.*

273—Commission Books, 1799—1846. Indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 56.*

274—Commission and Warrant Books, 1780—1822. This can be used to obtain the names of ships of petty officers. Indexed.

*Sec. Indexes, Series II., No. 65.*

275—Index to Admirals' Dispatches, 1711—1793, can be used with advantage in all genealogical and biographical quests. See Secretary's In Letters.

*Sec. Indexes, Series III., No. 1.*

276—Index to Letters from Admirals at Naval Stations, 1742—1808.

*Sec. Indexes, Series III., No. 15.*

277—Index to Letters from Secretaries of State, 1697—1792. A very important book and well worth consulting.

*Sec. Indexes, Series III., No. 17.*

278—Digest of Reports of Courts Martial, 1755—1806.

*Sec. Indexes, Series III., No. 21.*

279—Index of Officers tried by Courts Martial, 1750—1792, with index of ships lost.

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